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11. (SBU) The Embassy received on April 21 a diplomatic note from the Malaysian Foreign Ministry dated April 20, no. CU 213/09, in response to our previous request for Malaysia's support for the U.S candidacy for the UN Human Rights Council (reftels). The operative text of the note follows:

"The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the latter's Note Verbale No: 372 dated 15 April 2009 on the United State's candidacy to the United Nations Human Rights Council for the term 2009-2012. The Ministry would like to inform that Malaysia will give its positive consideration to the candidacy of the United States.

"Malaysia likewise will present its candidacy to the same body for the term 2010-2013. In this regard, the Government of Malaysia would be honoured if the United States could extend its support to Malaysia's candidacy during the election in May 2010."

12. (SBU) Embassy requests Department's instructions for responding to Malaysia's diplomatic note.

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